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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Group Art Unit:

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For: A METHOD OF MAKING A SANDWICH-TYPE
COMPOSITE PANEL HAVING A HINGE, AND A PANEL
OBTAINED BY PERFORMING SUCH A METHOD

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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ATTENTION: RO/US

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee and prior to examination on the merits, kindly
amend the claims as follows:

In The Claims

Sub 3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1[or 2], characterized in
that the incision (104) is made by means of a serrated blade(200) which, relative to the plane
of said panel (100), firstly moves vertically only so as to penetrate into the skin (101) of said

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